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Annexation of Coastal Municipal Water District Authorized By Decisive Majority

At an election on Tuesday, June 2, the citizens of the Coastal Municipal Water District voted by a ratio of more than four to one to annex that area to the Metropolitan Water District.

Included in the annexing area are the Laguna Beach County Water District, South Coast County Water District, Newport Heights Irrigation District, Newport Mesa Irrigation District and several sections of unincorporated territory situated north and south of Laguna Beach. Extending along the coast from Corona Del Mar to Dana Point, the Coastal Municipal Water District covers an area of about 9,000 acres and has an assessed value of \$10,000,000.

Unofficial returns revealed that the proposition of annexing to the Metro-

politan Water District had been approved by a vote of 1487 to 322.

As soon as the votes at the election have been canvassed by the Board of Directors of the coastal district, and the electorate's action in authorizing annexation has been certified, it is expected that steps will be taken by the governing body of the area to name a representative on the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District.

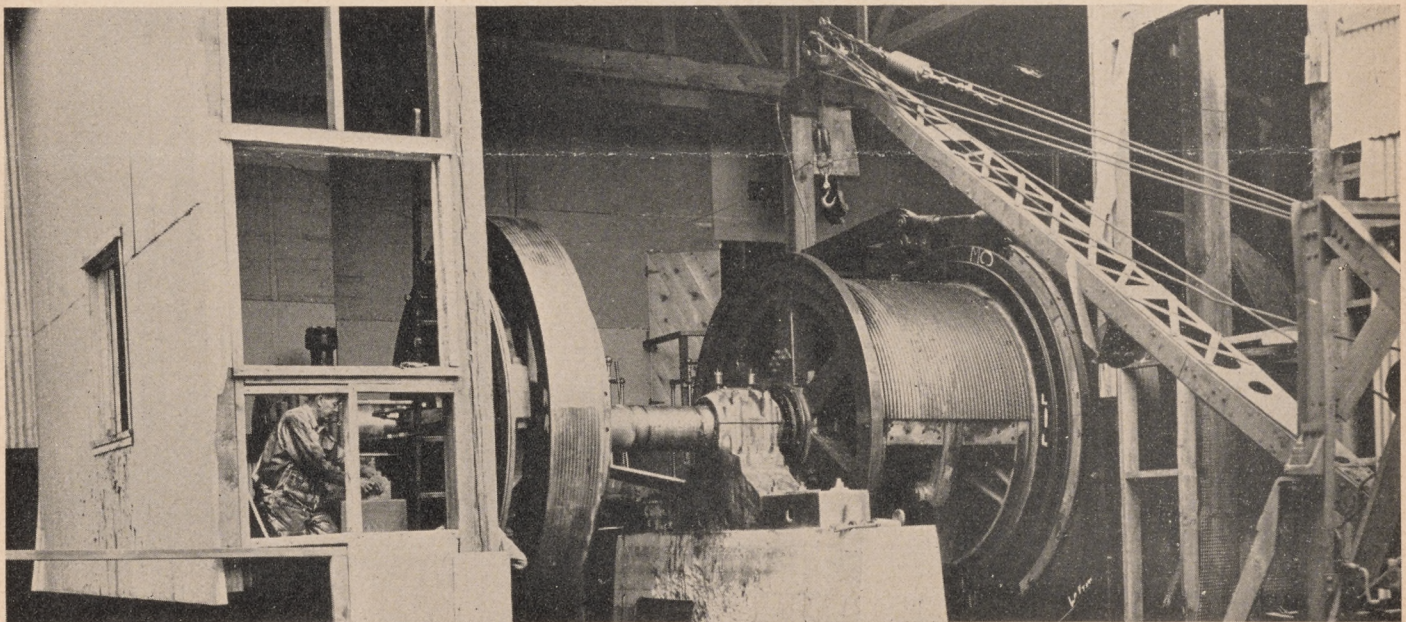
While other sections are engaged in varying stages of preliminary proceedings, the south coast territory of Orange County was the first Southern California area to complete the necessary annexation steps since the voting of the Colorado River Aqueduct bond issue in September, 1931. Annexation of the

new district increases the number of Metropolitan Water District units to fourteen, and will increase the number of District directors from nineteen to twenty.

The law provides that, in addition to incorporated cities, several types of water and utility districts legally may be annexed to the Metropolitan Water District. The newly annexed area, which includes the incorporated city of Laguna Beach, was organized as a municipal water district at an election held in July of last year. Subsequently, it was necessary to hold a second election to name the members of the district's board of directors.

Members of the governing board of the Coastal Municipal Water District are President Ralph E. Gray, Elmer L. Crawford, James S. Suydam, Harry Ward Wright and Emil L. Myrehn, Jr.

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One of the largest pieces of salvaged aqueduct equipment sold by the District during May is the 500 horsepower double drum hoist which operated at the Potrero Shaft on the San Jacinto tunnel during construction days. This is a view of the topside of the hoist being dismantled for shipment to Montana where it is to be used in the mining of vital war metal.

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WREREAS, after serving with honor and distinction for more than thirteen years as the representative of the City of Santa Ana on the Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Col. S. H. Finley has resigned from that office, effective April 10, 1942, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California that this Board does hereby express its everlasting thanks and appreciation to Col. Finley,

— for his conscientious and able public service as a member of the Board of Directors ever since its organization on Dec. 29, 1928.

— for his many years of diligent and faithful service as Secretary of the Board of Directors, having been first elected to that office February 9, 1929, and six times thereafter unanimously re-elected, prior to his resignation therefrom on August 15, 1941,

— for his wise counsel and powerful leadership rendered as a member of the Executive Committee of the Boulder Dam Association, which successfully carried forward the long fight to secure the adoption of the Boulder Canyon Project Act by the Congress of the United States,

— for his vision and devotion to the highest interests of the people, made evident and effective by his service as Secretary of the Colorado River Aqueduct Association, which fostered the establishment of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and the building of the Colorado River Aqueduct, and

— for his high ideals of courageous citizenship which he has exemplified always in his private and public life.



Vice-Chairman Franklin Thomas presents to Col. S. H. Finley the beautifully engrossed and framed resolution adopted unanimously by the Board of Directors.

Col. Finley Honored For Notable Work As Advocate of Colorado River Projects

Joining with representative citizens of Orange County, members of the District Board of Directors and staff paid tribute Tuesday evening, May 26, to the long years of notable public services that have been rendered by Col. S. H. Finley in helping to advance the Boulder Dam and Colorado River Aqueduct projects.

Col. Finley, who on April 10 resigned as the representative of Santa

Ana on the District Board of Directors, and Mrs. Finley were guests of honor at a dinner meeting of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of Orange County held at Henry's Cafe near Santa Ana. Included in the program honoring the veteran Santa Ana advocate of Colorado River development was the presentation to him of an engrossed and framed resolution which had been unanimously

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• MONTHLY REPORT •

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a brief summary of some of the activities of the District as set forth in the monthly report of General Manager Julian Hinds, filed with the Board of Directors in May, 1942, covering work done in April.)

Construction

Parker Power Plant—U. S. Reclamation Bureau forces are nearing completion of concrete placing in the power house structure. Steel draft tube liners and spiral casings are set for Units 1, 2, and 3, but have not been received for Unit 4. Assembly of the Unit 1 generator is in progress. Work has been started on the penstock gates of Unit 1.

Operation and Maintenance

General—Emergency patrol and guard service were continued. The District is supplying Colorado River water to the U. S. Army camp near Shavers Summit. The Camp Haan supply line has been sterilized preparatory to operation. The softening plant at the camp is being prepared to receive water. Plans were worked out with Army representatives for a power supply to the evacuee reception center below Parker, and to Army camps near the aqueduct. Tentative arrangements were made with Basic Magnesium, Inc. for connection of its transmission line to the District switchrack at Boulder Dam.

Design—Studies were made and drawings reviewed for additional connections to the Santa Monica feeder in Glendale and Burbank. Information was supplied to the military authorities concerning operations affecting the District's facilities.

Parker Dam—Water surface in Lake Havasu varied between elevation 435.4 and 440.3. Inflow from the Bill Williams River averaged 21 c.f.s. Daily mean discharge at Parker Dam was 19,151 c.f.s. Repairs to the spillway gates have been completed.

Main Aqueduct—Repairs were made to the telephone line and transmission line patrol roads north from Iron Mountain camp. Eagle Mountain reservoir was drained and cleaned.

Pumping Plants—Pumping in April was done to maintain water levels in Gene and Copper Basin reservoir and to supply water to the U. S. Army camp west of Hayfield plant. Routine maintenance work was carried on at all plants and on the telephone and transmission lines.

Distribution System—At Lake Mathews routine maintenance was continued, including weather records, water flow and storage operation, and collection of

water samples. The area continues under close guard. Painting of reservoir buildings is in progress. Storage on April 30 was 82,408 a.f. compared with 82,723 a.f. on March 31. A connection was made to the Los Angeles system at Slauson Avenue and Fortuna Street on April 1. The Long Beach connection at 223rd Street and Santa Fe Avenue has been made. Torrance is laying a cast iron main east from the end of the Torrance lateral so that the entire city can be served Colorado River water.

Hydrographic—Meetings of the Colorado River Board of California were attended for consideration of interstate and international water problems, proposed developments, and recent legislative hearings on river conditions in the vicinity of Needles. Preliminary forecasts of flood runoff into Lake Mead in 1942 indicate that no wasting of water will be necessary during the next 12-month period. The average discharge at Boulder in April was 21,180 c.f.s. with a maximum daily discharge of 25,396 c.f.s. Rainfall at the Los Angeles station is 75 per cent of normal, with a total for the season to April 30 of 11.2 inches.

Employment—In April 2 positions were filled by new employment in the classified service. There were also recorded 9 terminations, 19 employment contracts, 144 changes of status, and 121 interviews. The net turnover for all positions in March, 1942 was 7.46 per cent compared with 2.71 per cent in March, 1941.

Right of Way—There were negotiated 3 deeds on parcels for the distribution system and 3 quitclaim deeds. Prospective purchasers of the Banning and ranch properties were interviewed.

Purchasing and Salvage—There were issued 230 purchase orders with an aggregate total of \$26,850. Freight forwardings consisted of 10 cars of salt and 2 cars of other chemicals to the softening plant. Cash salvage sales for the month amounted to \$22,235.26. Electrical equipment was in strong demand. The appraised value of salvage stock on hand at the end of the month was \$474,173.03.

A limited number of copies of the Third Annual Report are available for distribution, and may be obtained by calling the Information Desk at the Los Angeles headquarters.

Col. Finley

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adopted by the Board of Directors.

Other District representatives who participated in the program were Director Walter Humphreys of Fullerton, Director Otto J. Emme of Los Angeles and General Manager Julian Hinds.

Also in attendance at the meeting were Director E. P. Hapgood of Anaheim, Director William M. Cook of Long Beach, Director James L. Norwood of Burbank, Director Herman Nelson of Glendale, Director A. H. Allen of Santa Ana. Staff members and employees present, in addition to Mr. Hinds, were Controller J. M. Luney, Treasurer Ira R. Pontius, Chief Electrical Engineer J. M. Gaylord, Chief Operation and Maintenance Engineer R. B. Diemer, Executive Secretary A. L. Gram, Assistant to the General Manager Don J. Kinsey, District Photographer Walter Winzell and Field Secretary Rufus Fee.

Vice Chairman Thomas prefaced his remarks by the reading of a telegram received from Chairman W. P. Whitsett in which the latter, then in Florida, expressed deep regret in being unable to be present.

"Col. Finley didn't do a great deal of talking during the many years he was on the District Board of Directors," said Mr. Thomas, "but after he had spoken on a subject under consideration, and the vote had been recorded, the decision of the Board almost invariably was in line with the Colonel's views."

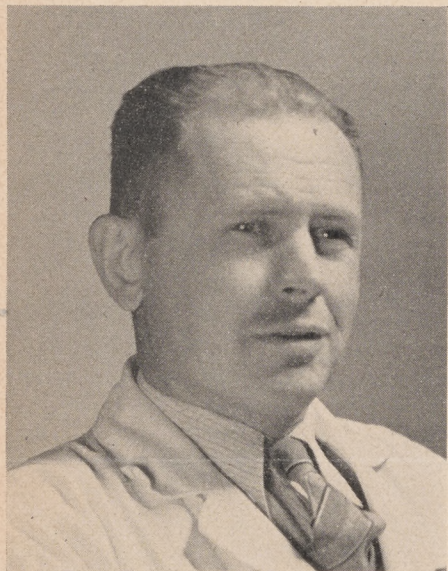
General Manager Hinds reviewed the many years of constructive service by Col. Finley as a member of the Land Committee and the Water Problems Committee.

In setting forth Col. Finley's important contribution to the cause of Colorado River development, Director Otto J. Emme said:

"Twenty years ago there were many persons in our midst who said the Colorado River Aqueduct and Boulder Dam were impracticable and unnecessary. Today, thanks to the civic leadership of Col. Finley and the other pioneers in this vast program, Southern California finds itself fully prepared to go forward effectively and powerfully in the great war effort of our country."

Arrangements for the program honoring Col. Finley were made under the direction of a Board committee composed of Walter Humphreys, Chairman; E. P. Hapgood, and A. H. Allen, the three directors from Orange County.

NEWS FROM FIELD AND OFFICE



Youngest grandfather in the District organization. This is the distinction claimed for Fred L. Richards, who since 1933 has been helping to keep 'em rolling in the Los Angeles garage. As automobile mechanic and maintenance man, Fred is giving an extra portion of attention to the rolling stock operating out of the Los Angeles headquarters these rubber rationing days. But it must be conceded that his chief interest recently has been his granddaughter, Dall Ray, born April 28, weight 4 pounds, 14 ounces. Fred's daughter, Mrs. Jessie Cobb, is the proud mother.

E. W. (Rocky) Rockwell, Senior Engineer in the Electrical Division, has been granted a leave of absence to engage in the performance of special electrical engineering work for the giant magnesium plant being placed in production by Basic Magnesium, Inc., near Boulder Dam. Final approval by all parties concerned of the various contracts involved in the release by the District of its unused Boulder Dam power for employment in the operation of the plant was being given late in May, and it was expected that the new production center would be in shape to get underway with operations in the immediate future.

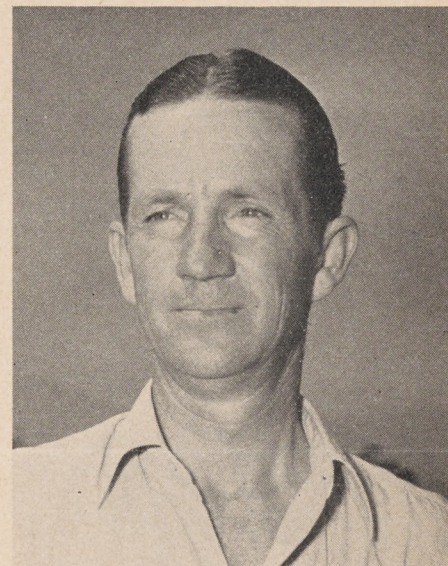
General Manager and Chief Engineer Julian Hinds on May 14 was elected Dean of the Los Angeles Alumni Chapter of Tau Beta Pi, honorary engineering fraternity, for the year 1942-43. He is the second member of the District staff to be so honored, Chief Electrical Engineer J. M. Gaylord having served a term as dean of the local chapter several years ago.

Recent adoption by the District of the ten per cent pay roll deduction plan for the purchase of war bonds by employees proved to be just the thing for which the Aqueducters had been waiting. Pay roll deduction blanks were snatched up and filled out like the proverbial hot cakes. The results throughout the office and field organization, according to the Accounting Division, have been most gratifying. In the meantime, the Employees' Credit Union continues to serve all who desire to buy war bonds and stamps in addition to those secured through pay roll deductions. The pay day drawing for war stamps being conducted by the Credit Union continues to be a popular game for most of the men and women in the Los Angeles office.

On the honor roll of voluntary blood donors to the American Red Cross are a number of men and women from the District organization. Among those who made blood donations during the past month are Alan Patten, Helen Scherer, Paul Winn, Fannie Mae Fink, Ethel Lockhart, G. C. Spassky, Owen Wilson, Edith Mallery, Mary Malone, C. G. Olson, Miriam Taylor, Louis Chazaro and Jack Williams.



Lives of men and the fate of empires are gripped and shifted by the mailed fist of War, but the Saguaro, out in the Copper Basin near the Aqueduct Intake, remains the unchanging, majestic sentinel of the ageless desert spaces.



Out at the District's Banning salvage yard and warehouse ready to serve the increasing number of wartime buyers is Storekeeper William Francis Peterson who started on the aqueduct job at the Indio warehouse in 1933. Equipment and materials used in building the big water line are coming in mighty handy these days on other construction projects, in mines and war industries.

Preparing to head out to parts unknown in the overseas service of Lockheed, Owen Maier on May 28 resigned from his job as General Clerk in the office of Controller Luney after having been in the service of the District almost eleven years. Owen joined the aqueduct organization away back in August, 1931 as a worker in the office of Public Information and rendered assistance in the educational campaign prior to the bond election. Since early in 1935 he had been in the Controller's office. Although scheduled to be engaged in war work in some distant and undisclosed corner of the world, Owen, it is understood, will have as buddies several former Aqueducters, including Douglas K. (Doug) Fagg, Lester (Les) Taylor, and L. R. (Ray) Osgood.

War conditions do have a brighter side. Take, for example, the office messenger service in the District's Los Angeles headquarters. Since early in May this work has been handled by an attractive, blonde young lady whose name is June Lidtke. She succeeded Ted Karnofsky who resigned to take employment elsewhere.